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WALDHEIM DISCUSSES SENDING IRISH TROOPS TO M.E. AS PART OF U.N. EMERGENCY FORCE

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UNITED NATIONS (UPI)--SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM REPORTED TODAY THAT HE IS DISCUSSING WITH IRELAND THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING THE IRISH CONTINGENT ON DUTY WITH PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN CYPRUS FOR DUTY WITH THE EMERGENCY FORCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WALDHEIM REPORTED THAT AS OF SUNDAY, THE STRENGTH OF THE U.N. EMERGENCY FORCE (UNEF) WAS 585 OFFICERS AND MEN, COMPRISING 215 FINNS, 204 SWEDES AND 166 AUSTRIANS.

HE SAID HE HAD ASKED AUSTRIA, FINLAND AND SWEDEN TO BRING THEIR CONTINGENTS UP TO THE STRENGTH OF A FULL UNEF BATTALION. NORWAY HAS AGREED TO HIS REQUEST TO PROVIDE AIR TRANSPORT FOR THE SWEDES, HE SAID, AND HE HAS ASKED CANADA TO PROVIDE A "LOGISTIC COMPONENT" FOR THE FORCE.

THE FIRST ADVANCE PARTY OF 50 FINNS WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE ISRAELI-CONTROLLED AREA WEST OF THE CITY OF SUEZ SATURDAY, WALDHEIM SAID. ITS COMMANDER AND AN IRISH OFFICER FROM UNEF HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO REPRESENTED THE UNITED NATIONS AT AN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN MEETING AT WHICH ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR A MERCY CONVOY TO GO THROUGH ISRAEL'S LINES TO THE EGYPTIANS.

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